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NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLI

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An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however are missing. Applicant is given TMO MONTHS for a three dates are missing. however, are missing. Applicant is given TWO MONTHS from the date of this Notice within which of file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The signature of the following inventor(s) is missing from the oath or declaration: Ilya Perlov , Eugene Gantvarg , Harry Q. Lee
- To avoid abandonment, a late filing fee or oath or declaration surcharge as set forth in 37 CFR 1.16(e) of \$130 for a non-small entity, must be submitted with the missing items identified in this letter.

The balance due by applicant is \$ 130.

A copy of this notice <u>MUST</u> be returned with the reply.

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POLISHING STATIONS AND PROVIDING RELATIVE LINEAR POLISHING

MOTION"

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REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF NOTICE OF MISSING PARTS

Sir:

The attached Notice to Filling Missing Parts, dated 3 May 2000 was received in the above application. Applicants assert that the Notice is erroneous and should be withdrawn.

The Notice states that the signature of Ilya Perlov, Eugene Gantwarg, and Harry Q. Lee are missing from the oath or declaration. While this statement is itself true, the application is complete. This application is a divisional application stemming from the original application 08/549,336. The listed inventors refused to sign the original declarations. Accordingly, a Rule 47(a) declaration was submitted on behalf of the non-signing inventors. The Special Program Law Office issued on August 21, 1996 a favorable Decision According Status under 37 CFR

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1.47(a). Copies of both these documents were submitted with the filing of the present divisional application. Hence, the filing is complete.

The undersigned attorney participated in a telephone conference with Marion Day of OIPE on 30 August 2000. Ms. Day stated that the above facts would constitute completion of application filing and that she would instruct that the Notice to File Missing Parts be withdrawn.

In view of the above facts, it is believed that neither the late filing surcharge nor fees for extension of time should be levied. However, if it is determined that such fees need to be paid to complete filing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any necessary fee to Deposit Account 50-0636.

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